



GHVC Board Holds Special Meeting For Decision on Building Proposals

By Russell Greenbaum

The question of which private builder will develop Greenbelt's vacant land was set for a decision by the board of directors of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation at a special meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 15. The GVHC board at its regular semi-monthly meeting on Friday, April 9, agreed to come to a decision on Thursday when all information on the two builders involved is expected to be complete.

The board at its Friday meeting heard a letter from the local representative of the Johnson-Crooks Company of Portland, Oregon, in which the company stated that it was willing to accept all the conditions set by the People's Development Company. PDC is the co-operative group which loaned GVHC the money to buy the vacant land and retained the right to approve of its disposal and development.

The West Coast firm stated that it would pay the fair market price for the land, that it would accept supervision by architects selected by GVHC, and that it would employ Greenbelt Community Builders, Inc., GVHC's own developer, to do the site-planning.

The building firm, which pioneered the building of a large project of private homes in the Anchorage, Alaska, area, proposes to build 500 houses in Neighborhood Two during the next 12 months to sell for prices ranging from \$12,000 to \$14,000.

The company, according to its letter, wishes to exhibit its building techniques in this area and wants its development of Greenbelt to serve as a model. Although its proposal was based on Neighborhood Two, which offered it a challenge as the most difficult section of Greenbelt to develop, the builder says he is just as willing to begin with Neighborhood Three or One, where the terrain allows a wider variety of homes to be built.

The Baltimore-Washington building combine, which features the services of a firm of architects with a national reputation, had not yet delivered its answer to PDC's conditions as of Friday night. Both building proposals are now in the hands of PDC in Columbus, Ohio, for study.

Both organizations are anxious to start construction as soon as possible with Johnson-Crooks having set June 1 as its starting date. However, it is thought that the technical details of negotiating the sale of the land would prevent the start of construction before July. The builder receiving the contract will have exclusive rights to the development of the remainder of the vacant land except for the co-operative developments planned by

Citizens Committee To Meet on Cleanup

The Committee on Cleanup etc. of the Greenbelt Citizens Association will meet Wednesday, April 21, 8:30 at Miriam Solomon's, 2-E Westway. It will organize court and between-court cleanups in immediate preparation for the April 24 roadside roundup. Other business will be the choice of a permanent chairman for this committee, and plans for a public area cleanup drive.

Representatives of all other Greenbelt groups interested in the cleanup of public places are cordially invited to attend this meeting and participate in his project. In the meantime, several organizations will be approached personally.

Boy Hit by Truck, Condition Improving

Five-year old James W. Shores, Jr., of 10-A Southway, nearly lost his life early last week when he and his bicycle were crushed by the wheels of a slow-moving oil truck.

The accident occurred in the long driveway leading out of the 10 court. The boy, who was riding a 20-inch, two-wheel bicycle equipped with training wheels, either fell in front of the truck or was struck by it after it had started up and moved about five feet.

The child suffered a broken arm leg, a fractured skull, and a damaged palate, which is the most serious injury. He is now at Prince Georges County Hospital and has been taken off the critical list.

Two GVHC employees who were planting trees near the driveway reported that they had seen the boy riding his bike on the grass alongside the driveway earlier and then suddenly saw him go down in front of the truck, which had just moved forward after stopping to fill a fuel oil tank.

The driver, who said he had looked carefully around and through his sideview mirror before starting up, heard the metallic sound of his truck striking the bike and stopped immediately. The child whom he had not seen previously, apparently had been in a blind spot of his mirror. The fact that the bike fell on top of the boy and that the truck's wheels did not pass entirely over the boy's body saved his life.

A survey of several residents of the court and of Greenbelt police officers is said to have elicited unanimous opinion that the driver, who has been driving 20 years without an accident, was exceedingly careful of playing children when driving in and out of the court. Whether the boy toppled over on his bike in front of the truck as it started up or had ridden in front of the truck has not been ascertained.

Representatives of Southern States Cooperatives, owners and operators of the fuel truck, arrived in Greenbelt from headquarters in Richmond, Va., the next morning to investigate the accident and to make immediate arrangements for their insurance company to take care of all the boy's hospital bills.

The driver has been charged with the technical violation of reckless driving pending the completion of the investigation of the accident.

Only two traffic fatalities, both involving children, have previously occurred in Greenbelt's 17-year history.

Garden Club Plans Meeting April 19

At the next meeting of the Greenbelt Garden Club, Dr. J. S. Cooley of Beltsville will give an illustrated discussion on the growing of bowers and shrubs around the home. The meeting will be on April 19, at 8 o'clock in the home economics room of the Center school.

Calendar of Events

Sat., April 17 - Drop Inn will hold Easter Dance, 8-12 p.m.

Sun., April 18 - Easter Children's Vesper Service, 5 p.m.

Mon., April 19 - Greenbelt Garden Club, Dr. J. S. Cooley, Home Economics Room of Center School, 8 p.m.

Wed., April 21 - Greenbelt Citizens Association at Miriam Solomon's, 2-E Westway, 8:30 p.m.

Wed., April 21 - League of Women Voters at home of Mrs. Herbert Hertz, 45-T Ridge, 8:15 p.m.

Wed., April 21 - County Scout Units meet in Educational Building of First Methodist Church, Baltimore Boulevard and Hamilton St., Hyattsville, 8 p.m.

Wed., April 28 - Jewish Community Center Women's Group will hold its first meeting in the Social Room of the Greenbelt Community Bldg, 8:30 p.m.

Sat., May 1 - American Legion Women's Auxiliary will hold Annual Spring Dance. Dancing from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Legion Home.

818 Acres of Vacant Land Opened For Bids

GVHC hopes to bid on part or all of the 818 acres of vacant land in Greenbelt, which the Public Housing Administration is offering to all builders and developers by means of advertised bids.

GVHC will submit a bid provided that the People's Development Company is willing to lend the required funds, it was revealed at the GVHC board meeting on Friday, April 9.

The land has been divided into three parcels, part of which is zoned residential, part commercial, and the remainder industrial. Each parcel may be purchased for cash or on terms of 25 percent down and the balance paid in installments over a period of ten years.

Bids will be received by PHA after April 15 with the deadline for receiving the bids set at 2 p.m. on June 15.

The first tract of land contains 71 acres, fronting on the Branchville-Greenbelt Road on the other side of Edmonston Road. The second consists of 434.26 acres fronting on Edmonston Road and with some frontings on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad lines.

The third tract has 313.21 acres with frontage on both sides of the Glenn Dale road, and both sides of the new Washington-Baltimore Parkway.

Legion Auxiliary Sets Spring Dance on May 1

The American Legion Women's Auxiliary will hold its Annual Spring Dance on Saturday, May 1, 1954 at the Legion Home.

Music will be furnished by Phil Lanas' "Continental", and dancing will be from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Tickets may be obtained by calling or contacting Mrs. Hilda Lastner, GR. 3-3401; Mrs. Helen Dudley, GR. 4-3431; Mrs. Ellie Rimmer, GR. 3-7952; Mrs. Dusty Brinatti, GR. 4-2303.

6 Incumbents, Newcomers Elected To GCS Board; Runoff Is Slated

Eight candidates were elected to the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., at its annual meeting in the Center school Wednesday night. One vacancy remains to be filled.

Only 220 ballots were cast as compared to 522 in last year's election. Those elected included incumbents Walter Bierwagen, George Davidsen, Frank Lewis, Larry Oosterhous, Ben Rosenzweig, and Sam Schwimer, along with newcomers Robert Bonham and Rev. Robert Hull. The runoff will be held between Jack Jennings and John Kenestrick.

GVHC Board Authorizes \$5000 For New Gutters

The GVHC board voted to spend \$5,000 to replace worn-out gutters and rain-spouts of its Greenbelt houses, especially the frame homes, at its meeting Friday, April 9.

Ralph Webster, president of GVHC, reported to the board that a number of gutters had rusted away so that they were beyond repair and would need replacement. Paul Campbell, GVHC manager, requested \$5,000 for this purpose, and it was granted on a motion by Al Long. His motion stipulated that the job would be given to the lowest of three responsible bidders, who would make their bids on the cost per foot or per item.

Since this expenditure was not authorized in this year's budget, the money will be taken from a surplus in the heating fund resulting from a favorable heating season. The patronage refund from the purchase of fuel oil is expected to swell this surplus by a substantial amount.

The heating surplus will be proportioned between the brick and frame homes. The expense of replacing the gutters will then be charged against the account of the type of home requiring the work.

Dave Kane, head of GVHC maintenance, told the board that the cost of replacing all the gutters would be prohibitive. This is largely due to the fact that the gutters of the frame homes are not standard size and the sections have to be specially fabricated in a sheet-metal shop by skilled craftsmen.

As an indication of the expense involved in such a job, he reported that \$10,000 was spent by PHA on repairing gutters during the last year of that agency's administration of Greenbelt. However, all that could be accomplished was "a patch here and a patch there."

The new sections of gutter installed will be treated on the inside to inhibit future corrosion. GVHC inspectors will check the gutters to be replaced before and after the contractor does the work in order to assure that the job is properly done.

City, GVHC Planning April 24 Cleanup Day

A week from next Saturday, April 24, residents will enjoy a one-day dispensation from the City ban against placing trash, leaves and clippings on the roadsides. On Saturday, April 24, and FOR THAT DAY ONLY City and GVHC trucks will be dispatched around town for road pickups. This is a recent announcement from City Manager McDonald and GVHC Manager Campbell.

The City office requests that smaller type trash or clippings be put into containers in order to expedite the pickups, but states that leaves can be left loose. On that day, the City office will respond to individual calls for pickups from yards or roadsides.

Bridge
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The Score	
Total	Total
101—Kenestrick	168—Bierwagen
113—Lewis	162—Bonham
156—Oosterhous	134—Davidsen
58—Reznikoff	59—Derato
66—Ritchie	88—Gamble
165—Rosenzweig	77—Herling
43—Schmidt	146—Hull
114—Schwimer	107—Jennings
	62—Johnson

Firemen Spend Busy Sunday; Three Fires

Two woods fires and a fire in an attic kept the local fire department busy last Sunday.

The first fire occurred in the Indian Springs area and covered an acre of ground before it was extinguished. It is believed that an eight-year old boy started the fire and it grew till it was out of control. The boy's hair was singed in his attempt to put the fire out.

The fire trucks were driven over the dam and parked near the lake spillway. Firemen hiked through the woods and put out the blaze with hand carried extinguishers.

Another fire later in the afternoon was reported in the woods near the exhibit house on Hillside. It was extinguished quickly. The fire is believed to have been started by a lit cigarette thrown carelessly by persons walking down the new trail that leads from the sample house to Crescent.

Lieutenant "Buddy" Attick disclosed that the woods and underbrush are dry due to high winds and plenty of sunshine. He cautioned residents about carelessness near the woods because of the fire hazard.

At 7:55 in the evening, firemen responded to a fire in the attic of 14-D Ridge, the home of Maynard Smith. Considerable smoke was caused by the burning of books and magazines in the attic, and about \$300 damage done to the rafters and floorboards, which were charred.

Smith disclosed that some children were playing in the attic with a lighted candle during the day, and it is believed that a smoldering fire was started in that manner. There was no indication of faulty wiring.

Members of the Greenbelt Fire Department responding to the fire alarms were: Lt. "Buddy" Attick, Marshall Zoellner, Allen Carneal, Jack Snoddy, John McLaughlin, Fred Wilson, George Ronchi, Paul Reamy, Paul Williams, Jim Williams, Duane Leifur, and Officer "Herb" Faulkner.

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Is Greenbelt Too Safe

We all breathed a sigh of relief and thankfulness when we learned that last week's traffic accident to young Jimmy Shores was not fatal. And then perhaps with a touch of pride we pondered over Greenbelt's remarkable safety record of only two traffic fatalities involving children in the 17-year history of the city. We may even have congratulated ourselves on living in a community where we can send our children outside to play and not have to be concerned about traffic accidents.

All this is quite justifiable—and yet perhaps we have become too smug, too overconfident about the protection our children have here. Greenbelt was carefully planned and laid out on the theory that traffic accidents to children are not primarily the fault of reckless or careless drivers. It was recognized that youngsters who have not reached the age of reason must be protected from themselves. Therefore, the network of interior sidewalks and play areas were designed so that children would not have the occasion or the need to go out into the street.

Unfortunately, even the best of planners can make mistakes. In this case, they forgot that children require hard-surface areas for certain types of play. This is what lures them to the courts where cars and commercial trucks constantly drive in and out. In addition to this factor, all children reach the age when they want to explore beyond their immediate confines and, if left unattended, may eventually reach the street.

All Greenbelt parents with children must become alert to these problems and recognize that young children, as safe as they are here, cannot be left entirely to their own devices for any length of time. Residents of Greenbelt have proved to be notably safe drivers, but let us not place the entire burden of maintaining our safety record on them. In addition, there are drivers who enter the city daily from the outside who do not have our same interests.

Greenbelt, of course, is not too safe. In fact, no community can be completely safe from traffic accidents. But it may be that Greenbelt has become too safe in our minds, and consequently we have become too lax in allowing our children freedom to roam. This does not mean that we must suddenly clamp down and force them to remain in their own yards. But certainly let us make it more plain to them that even in Greenbelt there are certain places where they must not go.

The planners of Greenbelt have done as well as they could. It's up to us to exert our own efforts to make sure that the third traffic death to a Greenbelt child will never occur and that even the next traffic accident will be years away. (R.G.)

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Good Friday Services At Community Church

The traditional three-hour service of the Seven Last Words of Christ will be held in Community Church again this year from 12 noon to 3 p.m. This is a continuous service, divided into 20-minute sections, and residents may attend the entire Service or just one part.

Guest preachers this year will be as follows: The First Word by Mr. Braund; The Second Word by Rev. John Esaias, Branchville Methodist Church; The Third Word by Rev. Roy Stetler, Cheverly Community Church (United Brethren); The Fourth Word by Rev. William J. Crowder, Greenbelt Baptist Chapel; The Fifth Word by Rev. Laurence Guthrie, retired Presbyterian Minister and member of Community Church; The Sixth Word by Mr. Hull; The Seventh Word by Rev. William Anna, St. John's Episcopal Church, Beltsville.

Soloists for the service will include Edna White, Velma Chapman, Harold Hufendick, and Lydalu Palmer.

All Greenbelters and visitors are cordially invited to attend and share this sacred three hours on Friday at Community Church.

"Kickoff" Luncheon Starts Women's Group

Spring was in full bloom at the "kickoff" luncheon of the Jewish Community Center women's group on Saturday afternoon, April 10, 1954 at the Greenbelt community building. The yellow and green table decorations and flowers were in keeping with the gay mood of the season and the occasion.

Mrs. Waldman read the opening prayer preceding the luncheon. Mrs. Helen Chasanow, program chairman, explained the aims and purposes of this new J.C.C. group. Also participating in the program were Mrs. Lillian Hoffman, Mrs. Sarah Gelberg, Mrs. Jeanette Zubkoff and Mrs. Adelaide Weidberg. Mrs. Betty Reznikoff was chairman of decorations and Mrs. Ethel Gerring chairman of the luncheon committee.

The first organizational meeting of the J.C.C. women will be held Wednesday, April 28, at 8:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the Greenbelt community building, at which time election of officers will take place. A name and meeting day will also be decided at that time.

2 Local Princesses Attend Easter Fete

Barbara Thiebeau, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thiebeau, 2-B Research Road, will represent Greenbelt North End Elementary School, and Nancy Braund, 11-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Eric T. Braund, 2-A Hillside, will represent Greenbelt Center Elementary School in the court of the Easter queen at the 19th annual Easter egg hunt to be held April 19 in Magruder Park, Hyattsville, under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club of Prince Georges County and the Sidney Lust theatres.

The day-long program at the park starts at 10 a.m. with an Easter egg hunt. There will also be a free entertainment program, comedy contests, foot races and field events. Winners will receive prizes. The coronation of the Easter queen will highlight the day's activities.

Heading the committee in charge is Hyattsville Mayor Jesse S. Baggett, assisted by co-chairmen Walter Bogley and Richard Milbourne.

Hyattsville town police, assisted by county officers and police from neighboring communities, will be out in force to safeguard the thousands of children expected to attend. Several first-aid stations will be set up on the park grounds.

GREENBELT BAPTIST

Meeting in Center School
Rev. Wm. J. Crowder, Ph.D.,
Acting Pastor

4 Woodland Way, GR. 3-4844

Easter Sunday - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, John S. Stewart, superintendent. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Morning Worship. Sermon "God's Victory." Both choirs will sing. A nursery for babies and small children is maintained during Sunday School and the Worship hour. 5 p.m., Easter Children's Vesper Service, replacing the usual Sunday evening church program.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Mid-Week Service, room 201, Center School. 8:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal, Center School.

Saturday, 10 a.m., Children's Choir rehearsal at 34-C Ridge. Mrs. Roy C. Thomas, director. Phone GR. 3-2977.

Baptists Schedule Children's Vesper

The Greenbelt Baptist Chapel, worshipping in Center School, plans a special Easter Children's Vesper Service next Sunday evening, April 18, at 5 o'clock, replacing the usual Sunday evening church program. The boys and girls will present a program of recitations and songs. Gordon S. Arthur will play the electric guitar and both the Children's Choir and the Adult Choirs will sing. The Pastor, Dr. Wm. J. Crowder, will bring a brief meditation.

The committee in charge of the program includes Mrs. John S. Stewart, chairman; Mrs. Helen K. Crotty, Mrs. Roy C. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas M. Jones, Mrs. Helen Starnes and Arnold Clark.

A large attendance of parents and friends is anticipated and visitors will be warmly welcomed.

Lutherans Plan Sunrise Service

Greenbelt Lutheran Church will conduct outdoor Easter Sunrise Services on the Church lawn at the foot of the cross this Easter Sunday, April 18. Services will begin at 6 a.m.

As in previous years, the Church lawn will be beautifully decorated with flowers in full bloom. The large flower-bedecked cross will stand in the center of the decorations. Walter Freundt is in charge of the decoration committee.

Organ music has been recorded on tape specially for this service by A. C. Richter, Minister of Music, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hyattsville. Mrs. William Stillions, soloist for the National Lutheran Chorus, will sing. Rev. Edward H. Birner will preach the sermon: "The Stone is Rolled Away."

After the service, a light breakfast will be served. Mrs. Leland Leasia, president of the Lydia Guild, is the breakfast committee chairman.

In case of rain or cold weather, the services will be conducted in the Church auditorium.

St. Hugh Teen Club Elects New Officers

At last Sunday's meeting of the St. Hugh's Teen Club, the following officers were elected to serve from now until September: president - Michael Canning, Gonzaga High School; vice president - John Flynn, Gonzaga; secretary - Nancy Kurth, Northwestern; and treasurer - Helen De Gagne, also of Northwestern. Joseph Bradley, Gonzaga, was elected sergeant-at-arms.

Three advisers, Mary Anne Desposito, St. Patrick's; Tom Canning, DeMetha; and Marlene Detrich, Northwestern, were appointed.

At the meeting the constitution and by-laws were adopted. The Teen Club plans to offer a full and varied program of social events throughout the season. The next meeting will be held in the music room of St. Hugh's school on April 27 at 7 o'clock.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Eric T. Braund, Robert C. Hull
Ministers

A. Elizabeth Goetze
Minister of Music

Good Friday, April 16 - Three Hour Service, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Guest preachers for "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

Easter Sunday, April 18 - 6 a.m., Junior High Fellowship Worship Service at the Lake, followed by breakfast, Morning Worship, three services at 8:45, 10, and 11:15. Mr. Braund preaching at 8:45 and 11:15; Mr. Hull preaching at 10. Special music at all three services. Church School Classes will meet as a group as follows: Kindergarten and Primary Special Programs at 9 and 11 in Fellowship Center. Junior and Senior High Depts. Special Program at 10 in Fellowship Center. Church Nursery at 8:45, 10, and 11:15 in Social Hall (for children over two years of age). No Evening Youth Fellowship.

Monday, April 19 - Missionary Group at the home of Mrs. Betty Leslie, 13409 Justice Rd., Wheaton City, Rockville.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
GR. 3-5911

Good Friday - From noon to 3 o'clock, three hours. 2 p.m., Stations of the Cross. 8 p.m., Stations of the Cross. Confessions afterwards.

Holy Saturday - Blessing of new fire, paschal candle and Baptismal Font at 7 a.m. High Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 for children, and from 7 to 9:30 in the evening, by a visiting priest.

Easter Sunday - Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and high Mass at 11 a.m. There will be no religious instructions this Sunday only.

Baptisms - 1 p.m. Please contact Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Wednesday - Miraculous Medal Novena Services with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Friday, April 16 - 8 p.m., Good Friday services, celebration of Holy Communion. Sermon topic: "The Veil Removed."

Sunday, April 18 - 6 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the church lawn. 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for all ages. Raymond Carriere, superintendent. 11 a.m., Easter services with the celebration of Holy Communion. Rev. Birner will preach the sermon: "The Seal of the Tomb".

Tuesday, April 20: 8 p.m., Meeting of the Voters Assembly.

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. Waldman

Regular weekly services of the Jewish Community Center will be held Friday, April 16, at 8 p.m. in the Home Economics Room of the Center School.

Candle-lighting time is at 6:23 p.m.

Passover services will be held in the auditorium of the Center School as follows:

Sunday, April 18 - 9 a.m.

Saturday, April 24 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 25 - 9 a.m.

Yizkor services will be held Sunday, April 25.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Strausburg, Minister
Harry B. Miles, Associate

Sunday, April 18 - Session of the Church School, 9:30 a.m. Easter Pageant by the School. Members and friends invited. Worship Service at the North End School, 11 a.m. Mr. Strausburg will speak on the subject "Love Immortal." Special Easter music by the choir of the church. Reception of members.

Monday, April 19 - Meeting of the Methodist Men at 42-L Ridge Road, 8 p.m.

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Free Innoculations Denied by Council

The Greenbelt Health Department will not restore free inoculation service to local residents, it was decided last Monday night at the city council meeting. A move by Councilman Thomas Canning to restore the service because of citizen reports of poor county service prompted a report by city manager Charles McDonald on the entire matter.

McDonald declared that the county has slowly abolished its free service because of pressure by medical authorities throughout the nation to stop such service except for "medically indigent." This has become the practice in public health centers everywhere. There is no need to supply a "pauper's oath", McDonald disclosed, and local citizens can get free service through the Greenbelt health department easily. All that is needed is an interview with municipal officials, and a call can be made immediately to the county health department and an appointment arranged for inoculation shots.

Costs estimated to restore the service in Greenbelt, McDonald disclosed, can amount to \$8,000 a year. The 1953 records show 400 people participating in the program, at a cost of \$1600, or \$4 a shot. Private doctors administer the three primary shots for \$6 for the series, McDonald declared, in comparison to \$12 for the series cost to the city.

WIDER RANGE DIALING

To the Editor:

I appreciate the advantages of the new wider range dialing service ("Charge Operator - Your number, please") and I want to express ("Charge Operator - Your number, please") that fact to you. Wider range dial service means ("Charge operator - Your number please") that we no longer have to dial ("Charge operator - Your number, please") the operator. I am looking forward to ("Charge operator - Your number please") the establishment of ("Charge operator - Your number please") automatic interceptor service which is ("Charge operator - Your number, please") another advantage that ("Charge operator - Your number please") all Greenbelt telephone subscribers ("Charge operator - Your number please") need and deserve.

Bernard Krug.

MONTHLY CHARGES

To the Editor:

The tax rate recently established by the county is good news to GVHC members, because it should mean a prompt reduction in their monthly charges. When the estimates for 1954 were made, it was impossible to determine the exact tax liability of each member, since the city, county, and state tax rates had not been established and the assessment of other Greenbelt taxpayers (which affects GVHC's share of Greenbelt city taxes) had not been made. Hence the tax liability for 1954 could only be estimated. Fortunately, the estimates exceed the actual tax liability even after making an adjustment for the new Greenbelt city sewer charges. I make this statement because these estimates were made while I was Treasurer of GVHC and the chairman of its Fiscal Management Committee.

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Troop No. 85 - Carole Seigel and Doris White, senior scouts, were chosen to represent District No. 1 and Prince Georges County at the Sportsman Show on March 28. This show was held in the Armory in Washington. The girls demonstrated "A Day at Camp." The scouts of this troop were the guests of the Explorers Post No. 202 on a hike to Camp Mulligan on Sunday, April 4.

Troop No. 16 - Leader Mrs. Granims reports that her assistant, Mrs. Jean Schneider, has been indisposed for a couple of weeks. We all hope that by the time this paper goes to press she has completely recovered and is once again up and around. The troop held a bowling party at the Greenbelt Bowling Alley on March 27. High score for the first game was won by Martha Levsky and for the second game by Leslie Thomas. Plans are under way for a troop and family picnic and cook-out to be held at Tridelphia Falls. The girls will get their out-door fire-making and cooking experience and the parents (we hope) will have one grand time. This troop completed their share of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale on schedule and earned for themselves a bonus of \$14.40.

Troop No. 42 - which is made up of half 7 and 8 year old Brownies and half Fly-Ups are very busy these days. On March 26 they made up a party of 31 and went to see the Shrine Circus. We wish to thank John Reynolds for his courtesy in meeting one of the leaders and 6 of the Brownies at Uline Arena after the show and returning all safely to their individual homes. We also wish to thank Mrs. Harry Rhodes for her courtesy in driving a group to the Arena. The Fly-ups of this group are busy working on their Tenderfoot qualification under the guiding eye of their leader Cleo Dutton. Their first cook-out will be held at the Greenbelt Lake—a section of which was reserved for us through the cooperation of the Greenbelt Recreation Dept. This troop completed their share of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale on schedule with a bang. These little shavers earned themselves a bonus of \$10.80 by selling 18 cartons of cookies. They voted on using the money to buy a beautiful American Flag and a troop flag in their colors of red and white.

Troop No. 77 - is working on their World Trefoil Badge. This badge is earned after a scout has learned something about the world in which we live in other than his own native land. The whole troop and their three Leaders were invited to the home of Mrs. Noel Almodovar on Hillside Tuesday, March 30 to view a few of the souvenirs she had brought back from her travels in various parts of the world while in the Army. Mrs. Almodovar gave a short talk to the girls and tried to give them an idea of how children live in other countries. The main point that was emphasized was that no matter how wonderful, how unusual or how beautiful other countries might be—there is no place as wonderful as the United States.

Women Voters Meet

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Unit, League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County, will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at 8:15 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Herbert Hertz, 45-T Ridge Road, GR. 3-8722.

April 15, 1954

GREENBELT COOPERATOR

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The Long View

By A. C. Long

Gilbert & Sullivan's, "Pirates of Penzance" contains a few lines which always remind me of the Greenbelt police. It's the sergeant's song, especially the part: "When constabulary duty's to be done - to be done. Ah, take one consideration with another - with another. A policeman's lot is not a happy one."

Now it's not the felon maturing his felonious little plans, nor the burglar a-burgling, nor the cut-throat occupied in crime that makes the police job difficult in Greenbelt - it's the kind of people in the kind of community we live in. Where else do citizens call the police chief late at night to complain or even visit him in his home or stop him on the street; or appear before city council with petty complaints of minor individual police actions? Truly our police operate in a gold-fish bowl before hundreds of peering, harping, critical eyes. Through it all, they perform remarkably well - not 100% perfect record, but a darn good day by day job.

But, just to be sure they don't get too self-satisfied, I'm going to make a few suggestions:

1. Why not develop an educational program with the schools on such matters as traffic safety, juvenile vandalism, and a cooperative clean-up-the-town campaign? A well-organized half-hour period conducted regularly by one of the police force would do wonders with the kids in this town.

2. Why not arrange for a regular walk around the courts? Such an activity would act as a deterrent to juvenile delinquents and could be an extension of the educational programs if the officer would have friendly talks with the nearby young'uns when he noticed evidence of vandalism and mischief.

3. Why not study the advisability of a volunteer junior police corps tied in with the above two suggestions?

It works other places and it might well work in Greenbelt.

The police are generally popular with the young folks and this is an asset which should be developed and marshalled into a constructive juvenile program.

This column is about the city government rather than about GVHC because a prominent official of that organization begs me to let up for a spell as he has been tearing out his ill-spared hair in anguish over the last few columns.

How about that steak dinner now, Ralph?

Firemen Douse Blaze At Hillside Underpass

Local firemen put out a fire near the underpass on Crescent and Hillside last Tuesday afternoon. Brush near the underpass caught fire, probably due to a passing motorist's flipped cigarette. The fire first came to the notice of residents nearby, who called the police. Meanwhile, Reverend Eric T. Braund and his wife, who were busy in their yard raking leaves, filled two pails of water and reached the fire before the firemen arrived.

The fire was quickly brought under control, with several firemen and interested youngsters getting soaked by the fire-hoses. Damage was limited to several flowering shrubs; creosoted logs on the underpass were undamaged.

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Greenbelt Youngster Enters Essay Contest

By Rachel Algaze

"My Place in My Community" is the title of an essay contest on the American Jewish Tercentenary of 1954, sponsored by the magazine, "World Over", published by the Jewish Education Committee of New York, Inc. This contest has had at least one entry submitted by a Greenbelter, Marion Ryss, age 11, of 33-S Ridge Rd.

The outcome is still pending; first, second, and third prize medals will be awarded during the early part of this summer, but Miss Ryss has already won for herself first place in the hearts of the Jewish citizenry of Greenbelt. First to recognize the prize-winning possibility was Marion's Sunday school teacher, Samuel Vernoff, who was so impressed with her effort that he thought it would be a good idea to share her thoughts with all of us.

In her essay, Marion vividly describes her model town of Greenbelt. "It has almost anything you could want," except, she bemoans, a place of their own for the Jewish people to worship God! Therefore, these people decided that a Jewish Community Center was necessary, also to be used as a place for social activities.

Marion then describes in detail the problems besetting the builders, the main one being lack of sufficient funds to purchase land and to hire construction workers. These problems were met by contributions, both in and out of Greenbelt. Structural plans were drawn, and the tasks of bricklaying, carpentry, etc. have been performed by heretofore inexperienced male members of the J.C.C. The women have helped by supplying refreshments.

Last year several days were set aside as "Greenbelt Jewish Community Day," during which time leaders and members of the congregations of the Community Church, St. Hugh's Catholic Church, and other churches pitched in and volunteered their services towards the progress of the building. At present, in spite of all the effort to get the house of worship completed, there is a roof only over part of the building, and the inside work has not as yet been started.

However, according to Nat Shinderman, Chairman of the Building Committee, an intensive fund-raising campaign is being conducted in the hopes of subcontracting for labor and materials for the remainder of the job.

In the meantime Jewish activities continue. Hebrew classes for boys and girls, Friday night services, and Sunday school classes are all held at the Greenbelt Center School. The Community Church graciously lends its building for the High Holiday Services which occur in early Fall.

Drop - Inn Data

The Drop-Inn will hold an Easter Dance Saturday, April 17 from 8 to 12 p.m. The hall will be decorated in spring colors and an orchestra will be on hand. Admission is 50 cents. Parents are also urged to attend.

Residents Urged To Register Soon

All residents of Prince Georges County who have not yet registered are urged to do so by the county League of Women Voters. Persons who have lived one year in Maryland and six months in the Fifth Congressional District, which includes Prince Georges, are eligible to register and vote.

Registration is on Thursdays up to May 19 at the County Service building in Hyattsville from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., or in Upper Marlboro from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

County-wide registration is on May 25. All precinct polling places will be open for voters to register.

Final filing date for congressional, gubernatorial and county candidates is April 19. Filing fee for state senator, state delegate or any county office is \$25. For congress the fee is \$100. No fee is necessary for the state conventions or the state central committee.

The League has a telephone bureau for those wishing further information. Bureau director is Mrs. Doris Aymar, HEmlock 4-3068. Greenbelt residents may call Mrs. Algaze, GRanite 3-7052.

Home Rule Dilemma Faces County Voters

Charterites in Prince Georges county are keeping their eyes on county politicians who are faced in the coming elections with a referendum for home rule for towns and municipalities, which they favor, and a referendum for a charter board for home rule for the county, which they oppose, according to M. F. Maury Osborne, president of the Citizens Committee for Good Government.

"Here is one time when they will be faced with fighting a losing battle for themselves," Osborne said. "If they want home rule for towns and municipalities, they cannot argue against it for the counties."

"The county needs even more home rule to meet its multiple problems than towns or municipalities do," he added.

The Good Government Committee will have booths in major shopping centers to get the 10,000 signatures necessary to place the question of formation of a charter board on the ballot.

County Scout Leaders Meet Wed. April 21

Several hundred leaders of Prince Georges County's 105 Scout units will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, in the Educational Building of the First Methodist Church, Baltimore Boulevard and Hamilton Street, Hyattsville.

Representatives from the county institutions which sponsor Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Explorer posts will hold their annual meeting and election of officers, according to Arthur D. Simonds, jr., of West Hyattsville, Prince Georges Scout Commissioner. Pack, troop and Explorer leaders also will meet in separate roundtable sessions to plan summer activities.

My Daze

SPRING. IT'S HERE. THE SAP IS RISING. The buds are budding and the shoots are shooting. Some yards boast bursting camelia buds, another a lone purple hyacinth, and many have produced daffodils. New rose bushes have been placed about. Pansy plants flank the porch on the cool, shady side of the house. Until the overbearing heat of mid-July, these velvet beauties will be ours to view or pick to our hearts' content. The air in our immediate vicinity is scented with fertilizer strewn on the lawn, as we and our luckless neighbors pray for much rain to sink it quickly into the earth.

THE PEOPLE, LIKE THE PLANTS, are emerging from winter hiding, the children especially spending the 'livelongday out in the lovely, gracious neighborhood. We've noted and appreciate the effort the City has made to clear the roadside of garbage and trash still occasionally dumped by some of the residents either in ignorance of or in defiance of city ordinance. The city has recently put the swings, seesaws, horizontal bars, sandbox, and grounds of the playground nearby into excellent shape. Busy pre-teens are happily getting into and climbing over everything.

—daisy.

Fishing Lines

By Lee

The fish are biting in the lake—I know, because I was there over the weekend. I caught twenty-five, some of them about seven inches. Bluegill, I mean. Caught three bass also, but of course you must return them to the lake as they cannot be taken until June first. Was using a bamboo pole and line with a bobber. They are beginning to move around in the lake, and fishing for bluegill should be very good from now on so go down and get some. Take all the bluegill you get out of the lake. Don't return any, regardless of size, as the lake is becoming overpopulated with them. There seems to be quite a number of pumpkinseed there also as I took several of them. They only ran about four inches tho. Some of the golden shiners must have been eating well as I caught a couple that would run about nine inches.

Again I must say this ought to be a very good season of fishing in our lake and should provide many hours of pleasant relaxation. Try it this weekend and best of luck to you. Remember: you must have a Maryland fishing license, obtainable at the local police station.

Births

Born, a son, April 9, to ex-Greenbelters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Hargy of 19 Enjay Avenue, Catonsville, Md., at St. Agnes Hospital, Md. The son has been named Wayne Patrick. This is their fourth child.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, 4-F Laurel Hill, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, 36-B Crescent, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bishop, 6-E Research, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reese, 1-F Northway, boy.

Housing Notes

GDC, GCB Boards

Elliot Bukzin has withdrawn from the presidency of the Greenbelt Development Corporation, the GVHC subsidiary which administers the Parkway apartments owned by the Corporation, on the grounds that he felt that a board member should hold that office. Bukzin was defeated in the last board election. The GVHC board approved the selection of board members Frank Lastner and Wayne Tucker to fill the vacancies on the GDC board, which will elect its own president.

Both Bukzin and Ralph Webster were retained as the two GVHC representatives on the board of Greenbelt Community Builders, Inc., which is the non-profit organization employed by GVHC to supervise the development of the vacant land.

City to Get Courts

GVHC has announced plans to dedicate the courts to the city, which will then be responsible for their maintenance. Lastner, mayor of Greenbelt, told the board that the city has already been handling the maintenance of the courts with what funds have been available. It is expected that by this move the city will be able to get help from the state for maintenance.

Anti-Dog Campaign

Ralph Webster reported that, while touring Greenbelt in a clothing drive, recently he found approximately three dogs during visits to about 70 homes. Paul Campbell commented that one problem was that residents get rid of their dogs after receiving a letter from GVHC but then slip them back into their homes later. It was also reported to the board that Mrs. Shiren of 8-D Hillside has not yet removed her dog, and the matter is to be investigated.

Truck Parking Area

Plans for a parking area for trucks were reported to the board by Campbell. The most feasible area is at the end of Gardenway. Extended on ground that was formerly used for garden plots. The parking area can be suitably screened from adjoining homes by transplanted evergreens. The extension of Northway has no suitable area which can be levelled for this purpose. It is possible that some trucks might be able to use the Center parking lot, and the end of Ridge Road is also a possibility.

Brick Home Cellars

The GVHC board has agreed that residents of Old Greenbelt brick homes may not use the cellar space under the homes in which the heating equipment is installed. Requests had been received to use this space for storage.

Loan of Ladders

GVHC ladders are available for loan-out to those desiring to paint their homes. There is no charge if a member picks up and returns

Gardening Notes

Spring Pruning

Now that the spring clean-up season is upon us, it would be well to consider a few precautions and suggestions concerning such activities outside the house.

For those who have privet hedges which have become wild and weedy, we suggest you cut them back severely. This will encourage new growth at the base of the plants and help eliminate that top-heavy appearance. Successive shearings throughout the summer should be made so that the hedge will be somewhat narrower at the top than at the bottom. Replace the dead plants, and drive in a few stakes to protect the new ones.

If you want to enjoy your flowering shrubs this year, don't cut them back until after the blooms have passed. Pruning this type of plant should be limited to the removal of old and dead branches, and heading back of vigorous, unattractive growth. Don't make artistic vases and shapes out of your plants. Permit them to look natural, but not weedy.

Do not be severe when trimming evergreens. A light shearing of the new terminal shoots will help them to fill in and look healthier. This treatment will also restrict outward growth and keep the plant within bounds.

Flowering trees should be pruned early every spring. It is not too late to do this even after the buds have broken. Sucker growth, or soft weedy shoots, should be cut off close to the main branches. This will leave the trunk and lower branches with a clean and natural appearance. Side branches which cross over and interfere with more desirable growth should be removed, and all heavy cuts should be disinfected with shellac and water-proofed with paint preferably with an asphalt base. If fruit trees are headed back, the cuts should be made as close to a side branch as possible. Do not do too much cutting the first year. Save some work for next spring.

Large trees, oaks, maples, etc., should be pruned in the same manner as fruit trees. Remove excessive growth, dead and rotting material.

Tea roses should be pruned to remove dead and old growth, leaving only three or four of the healthiest canes with a few buds on each. Climbers and ramblers should be removed from their support and the old canes pruned out leaving the long slender ones which were formed in the last two years. Repair and paint the trellis, then put the canes back in place. Do not twist them in and out of the trellis. Tie them to the outer side so that they can be easily taken down when you want to prune or paint again.

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